

# BOY BURGLARS OF RICHMOND

## Hold Up, Blind and Gag Two Merchants in King William.

# ONE OF THEM IN KNEE PANTS

**They Pose as Bold, Bad Kentucky  
Desperadoes, but Resort to  
Tears When They Realize  
Their Woeful Condi-  
tion in Hanover  
County Jail.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HANOVER, C. H., VA., August 13.—Two Richmond boys, neither of them out of their teens, are in jail here as the result of the most daring and boldest hold-up that ever occurred in Hanover county.

The store of J. T. Powell & Bros., at Mangohick, in King William county, had the usual week-end crowd in the store Saturday night, when two boys entered unnoticed and sat around unobtrusively, as boys are wont to do in country stores and created no suspicion.

The boys waited until about 11 o'clock, the closing time, when all the customers had left, and only one of the Powell brothers was in the store.

They suddenly pulled big vicious pistols and ordered Mr. Powell to throw up his hands.

**Meant Business.**

He saw from the manner of the lad that it was no time for fooling, and obeyed. While one boy covered him with his big pistol, the other bound and gagged him and laid him aside.

Soon the other partner, who had gone out to the granary, returned to the store, and the boys put him through the same operation.

They then leisurely pillaged the cash drawer and secured \$36 in cash, the proceeds of the day's trade. One of the boys kept up a running fire of raillery with the helpless merchants, and chided them for not having more cash for their accommodation, saying they expected to at least realize one hundred dollars for their night's work.

They inspected the stock and picked out some trinkets. One tried on shoes until he found a fit, and informed the merchants that he would compliment them by wearing their goods, but finally left them on the counter.

The boys stayed in the store until nearly daylight, and left after thanking their victims for courteous treatment. They inquired the way to Buelahville, blew out

the lights and locked the door from the outside.

After some time one of the Powell brothers after much struggling succeeded in releasing one hand, secured a knife and cut his bonds and those that bound his brothers. They soon gave the alarm, and, securing guns, summoned help and started in pursuit.

### The Capture.

Mr. J. M. Campbell a clerk in the store of Campbell & Brother, near Hancock Courthouse, went to the spring at daylight Sunday morning for a bucket of water, and saw the boys hiding in the bushes.

Shortly after a posse, composed of Turley, Stead and Julien Morgan with men

The stern command to throw up their hands was readily obeyed when they looked into the mouths of several shotguns held threateningly towards them.